

# STATE OF ILLINOIS



## ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

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**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Jennifer Hinman, ICC Staff

**SUBJECT:** Request for Questions to Address through Section 16-111.5B Energy Efficiency Workshops Required by the Illinois Commerce Commission's Final Order in ICC Docket No. 13-0546. Questions due April 2, 2014.

**DATE:** March 27, 2014

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The Illinois Commerce Commission's December 18, 2013 [Final Order](#) in ICC Docket No. 13-0546<sup>1</sup> directed ICC Staff and any interested parties to conduct workshops, as needed, to address certain outstanding Section 16-111.5B energy efficiency ("EE") issues.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, the 2014 Procurement Order outlined the following general topics to address for the Section 16-111.5B EE programs: (1) Oversight and Evaluation Responsibility,<sup>3</sup> (2) Potential Studies,<sup>4</sup> and (3) Request for Proposal ("RFP") Process.<sup>5</sup> ICC Staff requests input from interested parties by April 2, 2014 regarding the questions to have addressed through workshops for each of these Section 16-111.5B EE issues. If there are other Section 16-111.5B EE questions and issues that need to be addressed through workshops that do not pertain to the

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<sup>1</sup> On September 30, 2013, pursuant to the Illinois Power Agency Act ("IPA Act"), 20 ILCS 3855/1-1, *et seq.*, and the Illinois Public Utilities Act ("PUA"), 220 ILCS 5/1-101, *et seq.*, the Illinois Power Agency ("IPA") filed a petition with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission" or "ICC") requesting approval of the 2014 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d) Procurement Plan ("2014 Procurement Plan"), ICC Docket No. 13-0546. Section 16-111.5B of the PUA outlines the provisions related to energy efficiency ("EE") procurement and the specific requirements for the consideration of cost-effective EE in the procurement plan. Section 16-111.5B of the PUA requires the IPA to consider the utilities' annual assessment of cost-effective EE programs or measures that are incremental to those included in the Commission-approved Section 8-103 EE and demand-response plans that could be included in the procurement plan. Section 16-111.5B(a)(4) of the PUA directs the IPA to include in the procurement plan beginning in 2012, EE "programs and measures it determines are cost-effective and the associated annual energy savings goal included in the annual solicitation process and assessment submitted pursuant to" Section 16-111.5B(a)(3) of the PUA.

<sup>2</sup> [Ill. Power Agency](#), ICC Order Docket No. 13-0546, 144-149 (Dec. 18, 2013) ("2014 Procurement Order").

<sup>3</sup> The 2014 Procurement Order states: "The AG recommends, if the IPA does not intend to assume an oversight role for energy efficiency programs, then the IPA should request that the Commission enter an Order that makes clear that the utilities will assume responsibility for the evaluation and successful delivery of these programs, consistent with, to the extent practicable, the evaluation practices followed under Section 8-103 of the PUA... [T]he Commission... directs interested parties to address this issue at the workshops discussed above." 2014 Procurement Order at 149.

<sup>4</sup> The 2014 Procurement Order states: "[T]he Commission directs Staff to work with CUB, the AG, and any other interested parties to conduct workshops, as needed, to determine what improvements, if any, can be incorporated into the potential studies, the timing of any filings related thereto..." 2014 Procurement Order at 147.

<sup>5</sup> The 2014 Procurement Order states: "[T]he Commission directs Staff to work with CUB, the AG, and any other interested parties to conduct workshops, as needed, to determine what improvements, if any, can be incorporated into... the RFP process." 2014 Procurement Order at 147.

The 2014 Procurement Order states: "Thus, the Commission directs that a workshop should be held to address the barriers to DCEO's participation through the third-party RFP process... Although the Commission cannot mandate that DCEO take part in this workshop, in the interest of including energy efficiency programs to address the needs of low income customers in the IPA's future procurement plans, it would encourage DCEO's participation. The Commission urges the parties to hold any workshops in the timeliest manner practicable and to report to the Commission in the next available IPA procurement proceeding on the results of the workshop. Alternatively, the Commission welcomes DCEO's participation in a formal docketed proceeding or in informal discussions about these barriers, if DCEO considers that to be a more fitting way to address the issue." 2014 Procurement Order at 145-146.

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aforementioned three issues, please send those questions along with an explanation of the importance of addressing the issue this year through workshops. The questions received in response to this request will form the basis of a forthcoming request for comments from interested parties. The questions received in response to this request and comments received in response to those questions will both form the basis of the discussions and agendas at the upcoming workshops that are tentatively scheduled for the late April and early May timeframe. Each workshop issue will be addressed through a separate teleconference workshop meeting. Please note that advocates for the various positions on these issues should be prepared to discuss them in detail during the teleconference workshops. Please send the list<sup>6</sup> of questions to Jennifer Hinman [jhinman@icc.illinois.gov](mailto:jhinman@icc.illinois.gov) by close of business April 2, 2014.

For your information, the time slots under consideration for the teleconference workshops concerning the Section 16-111.5B EE issues are set forth below.

Afternoon of Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Morning of Wednesday, April 23, 2014

Morning or Afternoon of Thursday, April 24, 2014

Morning or Afternoon of Friday, April 25, 2014

Morning or Afternoon of Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Morning or Afternoon of Thursday, May 1, 2014

Morning or Afternoon of Friday, May 2, 2014

Morning or Afternoon of Monday, May 5, 2014

Afternoon of Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Afternoon of Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Morning of Thursday, May 8, 2014

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<sup>6</sup> Suggested topics and questions will be posted on the Commission's website: <http://www.icc.illinois.gov/electricity/EnergyEfficiencyWorkshops161115B.aspx>